

## REMARKS

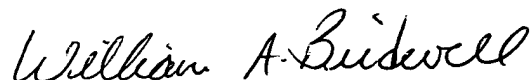
In a second Office Action mailed August 29, 2003 and made "final" in the parent application, the Examiner in that application asserted that the set of claims set forth in this Preliminary Amendment (which had been submitted in response to the first Office Action) was directed to an invention that is independent and distinct from that which was implicitly claimed in the parent application. Although Applicant does not agree with that position, this Amendment is submitted as part of a divisional application to obviate the issue.

In this Preliminary Amendment Applicant has replaced original claims 1 - 27 with new claims 28 - 68 to further clarify and explicate the claimed invention. The specification is amended to correct a minor typographical error.

The terms "condenser microphone" and "dynamic microphone" used in the new claims are discussed in the specification at Page 5. The term "terminal" is illustrated in the discussion of the circuit 500 beginning at page 24.

It is respectfully submitted that new claims 28 - 68 patentably distinguish over the references of record, and the examiner is therefore respectfully requested to allow these claims and pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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